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Local Fuel Company Brings Biodiesel To The Treasure Valley

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Treasure Valley consumers can now help reduce the consumption of oil by purchasing biodiesel fuel at 11 Stinker Stations throughout the area.

To mark the opening of the fuel pumps to the public, local, state and federal officials will gather Monday at 11 a.m. at the Stinker Station at 2323 Main Street in Boise.

On hand to provide comments will be Karl Dreher, Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources; Dr. Chuck Peterson, University of Idaho professor; Boise Mayor Dave Bieter; Dustin Miller from Sen. Larry Craig's office, and Charley Jones, Stinker president and CEO.

"Stinker will initially offer a blend of B10 with a goal of moving to a B20 blend, depending upon customer acceptance," says Jones. "Stinker began selling E85 ethanol in 2004 and sees biodiesel as a natural companion to its fuel offering."

"B10 biodiesel is an environmentally friendly fuel produced by blending 10 percent biofuel and 90 percent petroleum diesel," says John Crockett, senior energy specialist with the Energy Division. The current biofuel used in the B10 Treasure Valley program is produced from virgin soybean oil. However, it's hoped that in the near future it will be produced locally.

A \$124,000 grant for biodiesel infrastructure from the U.S. Department of Energy and IDWR enabled the Stinker Stations to upgrade their pumps and provide the fuel to the public.

The grant also enabled Stinker to construct a biodiesel storage and blending facility adjacent to the fuel distribution terminal in Boise. When complete, Jones says, the facility will have 80,000 gallons of heated biodiesel storage and the capability of providing biodiesel blends from B100 down to B1.

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Bulk sales of biodiesel will also be available to truck fleets and other retailers wanting to offer biodiesel to their customers.

Note to media: During the presentation, Mayor Bieter will fuel a Boise fire truck and Karl Dreher will fuel an Idaho Department of Transportation vehicle with B10 biodiesel.

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